

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~about~~ 4.5 to ~~about~~ 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the energy density is between 1.4-1.6 kcal/ml.

Claims 3-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the insoluble fiber non-starch polysaccharides ~~is~~ are provided by pea outer fiber and the oligosaccharides are fructooligosaccharides.

Claims 6-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 comprising a source of lipids.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition is clinically free of lactose.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method for improving the digestive tract and bowel function of a patient requiring same, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~ administering to the patient a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~about~~ 4.5 to ~~about~~ 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method for enhancing mucosal barrier function in a patient requiring same, the method comprising administering to the patient a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~about~~ 4.5 to ~~about~~ 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method for promoting gut health or comfort in an elderly patient in need of same, the method comprising administering to the patient a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~about~~ 4.5 to ~~about~~ 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method for preparing a nutritional composition, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

mixing a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~about~~ 4.5 to ~~about~~ 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, and

hydrating the components to provide a liquid mixture, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method for maintaining or restoring a well-balanced gut flora, the method comprising ~~the step of~~ administering to an individual in need of same a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~about~~ 4.5 to ~~about~~ 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method for enhancing mucosal function in a human individual in need of same, the method comprising ~~the step of~~ administering to the human individual a liquid or powdered and reconstitutable nutritional composition comprising ~~about~~ 4.5 to ~~about~~ 6g protein/100ml composition, a source of digestible carbohydrates and a source of dietary fiber, having an energy density of 1.3-1.8 kcal/ml and dietary fiber in an amount of more than 2.5g/100ml, wherein the source of dietary fiber comprises 20-40% by weight acacia gum, 30-60% by weight of insoluble non-starch polysaccharides and 20-40% by weight of oligosaccharides, wherein the composition comprises a viscosity of 30 – 80 mPas.